

NORTHWESTERN HISTORY SYLLABUS

[The aim of this department is to furnish outlines that will aid those who wish to study the subject systematically. It is expected that its greatest use will be as a guide for members of women's clubs, literary societies, and classes in college or high schools. It will be a form of university extension without the theses and examinations necessary for the earning credits toward a degree.]

XV. Pioneer Home Life

1. Freshness of the Study.
 - a. Little found on this subject in books.
 - b. Living witnesses still available.
2. Log Cabin Homes.
 - a. Similar to those of the Pilgrim Fathers.
 - b. Looked upon as temporary.
 - c. Simple in structure.
 - d. Open fireplaces.
 - e. Doors furnished light and air.
3. Furniture.
 - a. Bunks for beds.
 - b. Benches and stools.
 - c. Hinged tables to conserve room.
4. Dishes.
 - a. Indian baskets and wooden bowls.
 - b. Tin cups and plates.
 - c. China rare.
5. Lights.
 - a. Candles soon exhausted.
 - b. Fish oil in cups.
 - c. Rude lamps for fish oil.
6. Clothing.
 - a. Buckskin.
 - b. Deer-sinew for thread.

7. Food.
 - a. Scarcity of flour.
 - b. Clams.
 - c. Venison and other game.
 - d. Hudson's Bay Co. potatoes from the Indians.
8. Medicines.
 - a. Plants used by the Indians.
 - b. Indians' preference for white man's remedies.
9. First Schools.
 - a. Usually conducted by the minister or his wife.
 - b. Mrs. D. E. Blaine, first teacher in Seattle.
10. Neighbors.
 - a. Dangers from Indians or accidents.
 - b. Homes built close together.
 - c. Efforts at daily communication.
11. Pioneer Children.
 - a. Deprived of advantages of civilization.
 - b. Indian playmates.
 - c. Games.
 - i. Slings for accuracy and distance.
 - ii. Polished rods thrown at willow wreaths.
 - iii. Bow and arrow contests.
 - d. Trips to gather tender salmon-berry twigs.
12. Beginnings of Luxuries.
 - a. Feather beds in place of cedar boughs.
 - b. Glass for windows.
 - c. Stoves.
 - d. First sewing machines ("Little Giants").
 - e. First religious services.
 - f. First musical instruments.
 - g. First dramatic entertainments.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. Strange as it may seem, there is not much printed material on this phase of Northwestern history. Like the history of the American Colonies and of other localities, the home life seems about the last to receive attention. Politics, transportation, commerce, wars, boundary disputes,—all interests in fact,—receive more consideration at the hands of early writers than do the intimate and vital affairs of the home. Some helpful references may be found in the following books:

APPLEGATE, JESSE. *Recollections of My Boyhood*. This little book of 99 pages was published by the Review Publishing Company in 1914. It ought to be placed in every library in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Applegate was a pioneer of 1843. He tells his story very well. For the purposes of this syllabus, the last three chapters are especially useful.

DENNY, ARTHUR A. *Pioneer Days on Puget Sound*. The original edition is difficult to obtain, but the edition revised twenty years later (in 1908) by Mrs. Alice Harriman, is more accessible. The whole book is in point, but Chapter V applies most directly to the present study.

MEANY, EDMOND S. *History of the State of Washington*. Chapter XXII of this book is entitled "The Pioneer Home and Village." That chapter is the result of much search for the materials that were omitted from most of the earlier writings. Living witnesses contributed the information as they may do still for those fortunate enough to make such studies in pioneer communities or near the homes of old settlers.

MEEKER, EZRA. *Pioneer Reminiscences of Puget Sound*. The first twenty-six chapters of this book are more or less applicable to this study. In nearly every one of those chapters the author has something to say in an interesting way about home experiences. The balance of the book, devoted to Indian wars, is not so valuable.

STEVENS, HAZARD. *Life of Isaac I. Stevens*. By consulting the table of contents and index of this two-volume work the portions applicable may be traced. The books are a veritable storehouse of valuable history.